



Staff Pick:

"Bleak Climb" BY GREG AUTERY

Why did I select this picture, from the many hundreds submitted? Because this scene made me react immediately upon viewing it. This photo is a visual representation of my idea of hell. I have a deep fear of slipping on ice. There, I said it: I am afraid of ice. Furthermore, about the worst-case ice scenario ever would be going up, or down, stairs. I would walk 50 miles around these steps just to avoid being where this woman is. Hell, I tell you. This is the stairway to hell.

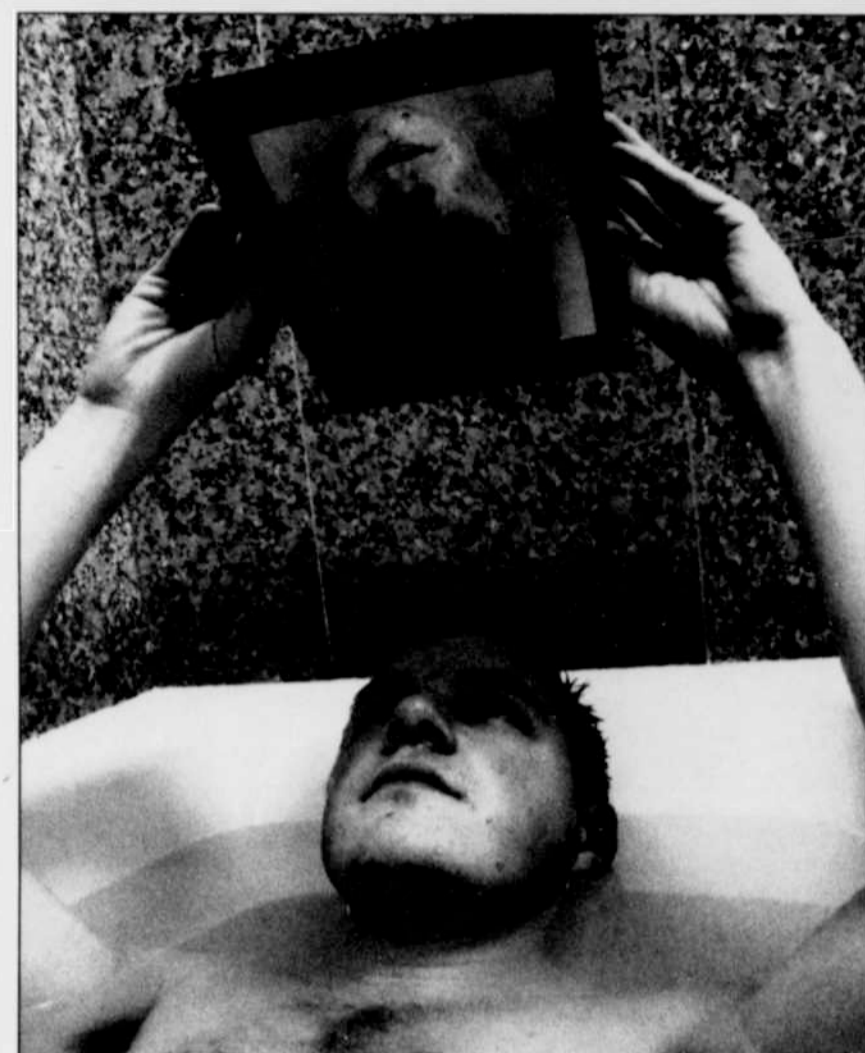
—Marty Davis, publisher and managing editor

Staff Pick:

"Untitled" BY KORIN SCHNEIDER

This makes me smile. Who doesn't want to be behind the scenes with drag kings and queens?!

—Maria Council, administrative manager



Staff Pick:

"Tub Time" BY ATOM ION

In the lineage of bathtub self-portraits, this photo speaks to that of an inverted Narcissus. Like the young Greek intent on gazing into his own image, the youth depicted here is focused on a mirror. Yet the subject of his attention is not his own self, half submerged, cleansing and meditative, but the self of the audience. I chose this image for its striking simple beauty and deeper contemplations.

—Wayne Bund, blogger/photographer

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